

THE MEANING OF PRESIDENT TRIP

It Has Been His Dream to Re-unite the North and South.

HE NEEDS DEMOCRATS ALSO

Will Soon Have a Hostile Congress to Contend With—Braves Yellow Fever

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, September 30.—President Roosevelt's tour of the South, planned for October, has great significance in its bearing on the coming session of Congress. Mr. Roosevelt is about to make an appeal directly to the South for the support by its senators and representatives of his policies in reference to domestic and foreign affairs.

The President has long planned this trip to the South. He has dreamed of uniting the two sections of the country in a common impulse, with himself, if not the leader, at least the arbiter.

Booker Washington, Crum appointments and other matters aroused the South so that such a tour as is now planned seemed impolitic. But the President believes the time is now ripe. The whole world is applauding him for his success in bringing about peace in the Far East. The South is about to prosper through the Panama Canal, which he obtained. So now he is going among the southern people and talking to them frankly about the things he is trying to accomplish in Congress, with the hope that the South will at last rally under the leadership of a Republican President.

In the opinion of many members of his own party it is high time the President took such a step. If the history of the next Congress is to be different from the last. In the last session of the Fifty-eighth Congress he attempted more than any other President to accomplish less, and he met defeat at the hands of his own party after having received the greatest plurality of votes ever cast at an election contested to the end and not permitted to go by default.

A Hostile Congress.

The prospects, up to this writing, are that there will be shown the same hostility in both branches of Congress to presidential policies in the next session and the important leaders, each of whom played a certain part, some in the Senate and some in the House, of Representatives, are still up and down their loins once more for the fray.

The regular session of Congress will begin on Monday, December 4. It is assumed that Mr. Roosevelt will not change his mind again, and there will be no extra session. If he waits for the regular session he has a trifle more than two months in which to strengthen himself with his own party, and the Democratic party as well. He will need all the votes he can marshal, be they Democratic or Republican, to carry through his schemes with reference to these matters.

Ratification of the agreement with the Republic of San Domingo.

Prevention of a Congressional investigation of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis.

Adoption of such policy as the President may recommend with reference to Venezuela.

Prevention of the investigation of the capture of the ship, the passage of a bill prohibiting campaign contributions in the future.

Prevention of an investigation of the Panama Canal, and the passage of a law needed by the administration.

Passage of a bill extending the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish rates, where rates are found to be unreasonable.

Prevention of an investigation into the affairs of the Agricultural Department and the Weather Bureau.

Passage of legislation for the Philippines, which will be recommended by Mr. Taft, Secretary of War.

This is a pretty wide programme of positive and negative work, and staggeringly enough, each of the subjects is of great interest to the public.

Appeal to South.

It is something almost unheard of for a Republican President to appeal to the Southern country. Hayes, Garfield, Arthur and Harrison did not attempt it. McKinley, who dreamed of uniting the North and South, made some progress in that direction. Before he died he had become very popular in the South, and had he lived he would have had a strong feeling for his policies in Congress from that section.

It is a dramatic and daring thing Mr. Roosevelt is about to attempt. No Republican President since Hayes has been so denounced by the Southern press, and no President ever had who so earnestly desired to be on terms of friendship with the men and women of " Dixie."

The dramatic feature will come when the President, having yellow fever, visits New Orleans. This is a step which is characteristic of Mr. Roosevelt, and it is calculated to fire the enthusiasm of the South if it can overcome the prejudices of the shotgun quarantines maintained further North.

The President is specially desirous of getting Southern Senators on his side in the Santo Domingo matter. When the Senate discovered last winter that the President had negotiated a treaty with Santo Domingo for the collection of customs and the extinguishment of her debt without referring the subject to the Senate there was great indignation. On the publication of this treaty it was repudiated, and the State Department ordered a new one negotiated which would go to the Senate.

It becomes important for the President to get the votes which will ratify the treaty. It is understood that he needs

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seven Democratic votes in order to ratify the document.

Railroad Rates.

The question of railroad rates will probably cause the President as much concern as any other. He was beaten by the Senate last winter after the House had passed a measure recommended by him, by an almost unanimous vote. He will need the votes of Southern Democrats even to report from the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce the railroad rate bill he thinks should be enacted.

The matter of investigation will require the President to have friends on the floor of both houses, almost all the time.

The most poignant worry of the administration at this time is the subject of campaign contributions. The scandal, as disclosed by the investigation of the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company, is likely to be transferred to Congress as soon as that body is called to order.

Following his move of a year ago, Mr. Roosevelt will probably endeavor to remove criticism from himself by recommending that Congress pass a law making it illegal for corporations to contribute to the funds of political parties, but his friends will not want any investigation of the subject of campaign contributions, and this is exactly what the Democrats will desire.

Heretofore the Republican party, when in power, has stood against any interference with its right to get all the funds it could in national campaigns, and few Republicans have stood on the floor of either house and exposed the evils of the system.

The administration will doubtless be kept busy killing off investigations of misdeeds in various departments. It is quite likely some leading Republicans will welcome investigations of the Agricultural Department, and especially of the Weather Bureau.

Resolutions will be presented the first day of the session, asking for an investigation of Secretary Wilson by one or both houses of Congress. Here will be the use for Southern Democratic votes.

Needs Democrats.

If the administration can muster some Democrats it can afford to have the investigation sidetracked, on the ground that Democrats as well as Republicans voted to do it. This was what happened last winter, when Mr. Livingstone, of Georgia, offered a resolution to investigate the collection of cotton statistics and was defeated by the Republicans, aided by Democrats from Tennessee and Texas.

President Roosevelt will also have a lively fight on his hands over Panama. In the last Congress he desired to have the Spooner law amended so that he could have authority to revamp the old commission and place the work in the hands of about three men. The House was willing to give him this new law, but the Senate, under the head of Mr. Allison, prevented any bill from going to the President.

Mr. Roosevelt then "got around" the Spooner law by appointing three executive members and four "figurehead" members of the commission, and under that makeshift organization a new start has been made towards building the canal.

There will be all sorts of trouble over this action when Congress comes to consider what shall be done in reference to the canal. There will be many questions asked as to the expenditure of money thus far used on the isthmus.

The investigation of the affairs of the Panama Railroad, conducted by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce last winter, may be extended to take in the whole matter of the canal, and once more the President will need Democratic votes.

Mr. Roosevelt will need Democratic votes to protect P. B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of the State, against the investigation which is threatened by the friends of Herbert W. Bowen, former Minister to Venezuela, who declare he did not receive fair treatment during the investigation conducted by Secretary Taft and the President last spring.

Democratic votes will be needed in a dozen other directions.

And Democratic votes are what the President will be after during his October trip to the South.

THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY SEEKS HANDSOME HOME

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—In diplomatic circles it is reported that the handsome home of Mrs. L. Z. Lott, on Dupont Circle, may be the home of the Russian embassy the coming winter, and capital city society is taking interest in the statement that the czar has ordered more of a gold-colored mansion. About the czar prefers the Lott establishment.

Mrs. Lott, according to the understanding which has always prevailed, has exposed renting or selling the beautiful Washington place, despite that recently it has been little in use. However, she is said to have given a kindly ear to the representations of the Russian agents, which leads to the belief that she may change her mind. All her daughters are now married and her husband is dead. These facts may dispose her toward parting with her magnificent home.

To Kill Milkweed.

Milkweed is a perennial and can only be killed by pulling it up or by keeping it cut off and thus choking it to death. It does not get much of a cold in winter. About the only thing one can do to go through his own eyes and clean them by pulling.

TO MAKE USE OF FORCE OF TIDES

A Plan Provided to Generate Power By the Ebb of the Waves.

WATER TAKE PLACE OF COAL

English Engineer's Scheme to Utilize Strength of Water On Wholesale Scale.

Great Britain's Royal Commission on Coal Supplies has made it clear that in the distant future England will have to rely upon other means than coal to generate power. In Great Britain coal is calculated that the native supply of coal will be exhausted in 400 years, and that long before then England will have to draw on outside markets.

The utilization of tidal power is thought of in this connection, an interesting article upon which is given by the Engineering Review, from which the following abstract is taken:

The British Isles are poorly off for waterfalls. If every available water power was used, the annual saving in coal would be 1,200,000 tons, a mere fraction of the present output of 230,000,000 tons. About 150,000 horse power, working ten hours a day, would be generated. It is impossible to utilize the direct heat of the sun, owing to climatic conditions. To rely on the uncertainty of wind is hopeless. The largest wind power generator in existence does not exceed sixty horse power. There remains the utilization of tidal power.

A few schemes are already in existence, the plan generally adopted being to impound the rising tide, and on its ebb utilize the power by water wheels. This is only available on the ebb and is not constant. Mr. James Saunders, the author of the article in question, before setting forth schemes for using the tides, gives some figures of their rise and fall. He says:

On the west coast of Ireland and south coast of England the highest tides occur three transits after the new and full moon, and along the east coast of England they take place four transits after the new and full moon, and in the River Thames five transits occur in the same epoch.

The table given shows how the tides vary around the coast.

	Spring tides.	Neap tides.
Rise in ft. Rise in ft.		
London Docks	20 1/2	17 1/2
Yarmouth	10	4 1/2
Tyne River Entrances	15 1/2	10 1/2
Glasgow	11 1/2	9 1/2
Portland Bill	9	6 1/2
Brighton	10 1/2	16
Portsmouth	42	33
Newport	38	29

In order to utilize the variation of height between high and low tide a considerable area of tidal water must be inclosed. In order to minimize expense the natural configuration of the coast must be taken into consideration.

SCOTLAND. FOR USE OF TIDES.
Mr. Saunders describes schemes for using the tides at Chichester Harbor, in Menai Straits, and in the Bristol Channel. The first provides for an average of 8,000 horse-power per day. Reckoning the value of an electric horse-power at \$45 per annum, the scheme would give an annual income of \$360,000, which would justify a capital expenditure of \$200,000. The Menai Straits scheme would yield 15,500 electric horse-power a day, valued at \$65,250. This would justify a capital expenditure of \$2,175,000, just about the amount that would be required by the scheme.

The last scheme, that of the Bristol Channel, is the most ambitious of all. The proposal is to dam up the enormous tidal rise in the channel the daily tidal range would be 260,000 electric horse-power, worth \$1,170,000, and justifying a capital outlay of the huge amount of \$9,750,000. The total cost of the scheme would be \$200,000 less than this.

A description of one scheme will suffice to show the general idea. Chichester Harbor is 7,380 acres in extent, the entrance being less than a mile in extent. The proposal is to build a huge dam across the mouth, and also to divide the harbor in two, the configuration lending itself easily to this. The Chichester side would be the high-water basin, the Haying side the low-water basin. The rising tide fills the high basin full. The top third of this is cut through the turbines into the low-water basin, which in turn is emptied out to sea at low water. By this means a constant power is obtained, although at first sight it appears to be a waste not using the incoming and outflowing water.

LECTURE ON EXPRESSION.

Miss Ruth Woodwell Speaks On Importance of This Subject.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., September 30.—Miss Ruth A. Woodwell gave a most interesting lecture at the Chatham Episcopal Institute on Expression and Its Relation to General Education.

Expression, as now taught, she said, is based on natural and consequently universal principles. All nature is an expression of the divine mind in the vegetable and animal kingdom there is constant effort to express, and in the human being the same principle is operating. The powers of expression of the individual are developed by cultivating right physical, intellectual and emotional tendencies, and by surrounding the student with influences and conditions that may develop character. The student who has the most symmetrical character and possesses the broadest sympathies will be most successful in the realm of expression, which is not relegated to the platform alone, but is the daily exercise of the power of speech. The lecturer quoted illustrations from Cicero, Darwin, James, Spencer, Bain and Carpenter, and was listened to with careful attention.

At the close of the address remarks commending the principles of the address were made by President C. O. Prudden and other members of the board of trustees, among them Mr. Hugh Dillard, Mr. G. S. Reid and Mr. P. Hunt.

COTTON IS OPENING.

Gineries in Full Blast in North Carolina—Saloon Question.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HENDERSON, N. C., September 30.—Since the weather has set in, cotton is opening quite freely, and the gineries are in full blast, though the crop in this section will be considerably shorter than last year. Tobacco is coming to market rapidly. Breaks are large, and common grades are bringing good prices.

In the near future the question of open saloons and dispensaries will be agitated, and a battle royal will result. So far as the morals of a community are concerned, there is no difference between the two. Friends of the dispensary are the same over the sale of liquors through the dispensary is applied to the general good, while the latter only benefits private interests, but gives the public superior goods.

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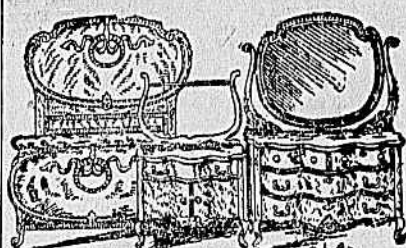
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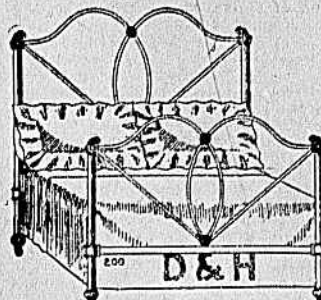
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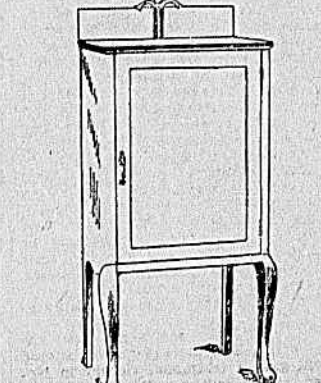
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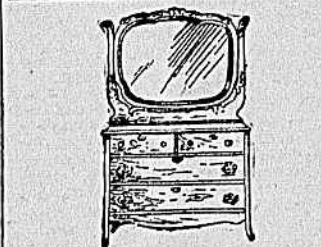


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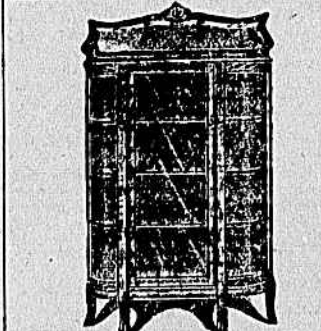
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The Pattison boom would start on the morning after election next November if he should win. Even if he is defeated he will have a boom on his hands if he comes near to success.

The Republicans are making the Ohio campaign on national issues. They will talk them from every stump in the State, and, therefore, if they lose the Democrats will be fairly justified in asserting that Republican loyalty to national issues was not strong enough to save a

State which a year before went Republican by not far from a quarter of a million.

Pattison did not remain in Congress long enough to make a real record, but he who remember him as a Congressman believe he is a big enough man to meet the requirements of a presidential candidacy at this time.

The Southern Democrats, however, are manifesting more and more disposition to make a serious effort to gain a substantial reputation in their party. They point out that the West furnished Bryan twice and the East Yerkes. The Eastern Democrats would not vote for Bryan; a null

tion of them went Republican. The Western Democrats likewise would not support Parker; by the hundreds of thousands they went over to Roosevelt, while other armies of them refrained from voting.

In view of these facts it is asserted that a good Southern man is the right man to nominate for the presidency.

The civil war is far enough away to make it certain, in the language of a prominent Southerner, "that there isn't another presidency for the Republicans in the bloody shirt." The South has been loyally Democratic under the banners of both Bryan and Parker.